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A New Year's Challenge

"The portals are open, the white road leads
Through thicket and garden, o'er stone and sod.
On, up! 'Boot and saddle!' Give spurs to your steeds!
There's a city beleagured that cries for men's deeds—
For the faith that is strength and the love that is
God!
On, through the dawning! Humanity calls!
Life's not a dream in the clover!
On-to the walls, on-to the walls,
On-to the walls—and over!"

—Hermann Hagedorn, Jr.

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A Call to Prayer

We are so stunned by the appalling world conditions, that our minds are confused, our hearts distraught with anguish and our whole being almost incapacitated for efficient action.

New relationships and new duties confront us. We desire to enter them whole-heartedly, and work calmly and efficiently.

Let us turn us to the eternal source of all strength and wisdom and keep the fast which He hath appointed.

"Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry and that thou bring the poor, that are cast out, into thine house? When thou seest the naked that thou cover him?" "Then shalt thou call and the Lord shall answer. Thou shalt cry and He shall say 'Here I am'," and then shall our strength be "in quietness and confidence" and we shall go gladly, hopefully, to our appointed tasks, remembering that "God's greatness flows around our incompleteness, round our restlessness His rest."

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

How can we compress within a page or two the thoughts that crowd upon us at the beginning of the New Year! And such a new year! Amidst the turmoil and anguish of the world can we find comfort, courage or hope? We find all of these, in fact, everywhere. Yes, even upon the battlefields! You who are veterans in the battle of life do not need to be told that; or you young people who have already enlisted with serious joy. The things of the spirit cannot be explained in black and white. But there are practical movements which are most interesting. They attempt much widespread enlightenment, accomplished union, permanent peace. "World Wide" seems to be the watchword today. There has been feverish demand for enlargement; an eagerness for big things. Organizations have grown bulky, but expansion without unification has its perils. "The task which confronts the world just now is to bring about a *real unity* in the organized life of mankind," and "In the light of Europe's tragedy Christians are catching fresh visions of the world's needs and of the Christian's task," said speakers representing The World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship Through the Churches. This task is not mine or thine, but *ours*; it is not American, or British, or Oriental, Baptist or Methodist, white or brown, but a world task. If we have a common task, common knowledge is imperative. Little by little—swiftly, since the War began—we are growing to know and understand each other better, and we have discovered that *we have no right to be ignorant*. Given such a consciousness, together with the consciousness of the concentrated power of gigantic evils, some one is ready to evolve ways and means to better conditions. Outside of the information that is being thrust upon us through newspapers and periodicals, there is a quiet, systematic, educational movement in progress that cannot fail of far-reaching and permanent results. Have not we women felt it, in a changed and broadened outlook, as thousands of us have, together, studied the people of many lands, not as foreigners but as human beings, like ourselves, through the interdenominational study course? Our children who went around the world with "Jack and Janet," who hobnob with all races of boys and girls in *Everyland*, and do all the happy things described by Miss Peirce in this number of the HELPER, will have quite a different attitude toward our "Brownies" of India, for instance, than the little Rhode Island girl, in earlier days, who always associated missions with

bears! The Missionary Education Movement is engaged in a nationwide co-operative effort to increase knowledge and positive Christianity by means of a normal process of education, through study, prayer, giving and service. "Its influence is pervasive, continuous, evolutionary." In the fourteen years of its existence, more than one hundred thousand mission study classes have been held, and over two million members of these classes are now occupying positions of leadership in churches. Think what that promises! The *Christian Herald* asks, "Did it ever strike you that there are 23,000,000 professing Christians of the evangelical faith in the United States, whose combined influence, concentrated on a single purpose, would be practically irresistible?" For this "combined influence" the Federal Churches of Christ in America are continuously working, and the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches is as ardently active in its wider aims. Dr. Lynch writes, in *The Independent*, that the present war has greatly accentuated the truth that the passion for Christian unity that is making itself manifest in both Europe and America has sprung from the feeling that it will take a united church to make any impression upon the evil of the world.

But how can *we* help, you and I? Again let the *Christian Herald* speak, "No matter how small your influence, how obscure your station, or how slender your means, you can help make the world a better place to live in by bringing the Christ spirit into it." Isn't that a challenge for the New Year? In this spirit let us study and know, think and act, pray and give, and thus make a real contribution to universal comprehension, union, peace. We, too, can pray, with "A Veteran Pastor": "Lord, set us on fire and fuse us in one. Abate those prejudices, dislikes, and partialities which keep us at arm's length from one another. Let no diversity of interests be allowed to foster antagonism, nor any difference of training and habit wrap us in chilling indifference to others' welfare. Let rivalries, contentions, and conflicting aims disappear from our arena. Nor longer permit our own lives to be partitioned off in water-tight compartments—business here, pleasure there, religion somewhere else, or nowhere. Let passionate love and consuming devotion heal all divisions and separations. Oh, for the thrill and power of a unified life!"

"Keep your faith in all beautiful things—in the sun when it is hidden, in the spring when it is gone. So only will you have courage to wait for the sure return of brightness and warmth, and to prepare your fields for the coming harvest."

Prayer and Missions



PAYER and missions are as inseparable as faith and works; in fact, prayer and missions are prayer and works. Jesus Christ, by precept, by command and by example, has shown with great clearness that he recognizes the greatest need of the enterprise of world-wide evangelization to be the need of prayer. Before "give" and before "go" comes "pray." This is the divine order. Anything that reverses or alters it inevitably leads to loss or disaster.

As I traveled up and down the non-Christian world, making a comparative study of the progress of Christ's kingdom in different sections of the great harvest field, the conviction became clear and strong that those missions which have had offered for them the most real prayer are the missions which have had the largest and apparently the most enduring spiritual success. This explains why some missions have had larger and more spiritual results than others, even though they have been at work in more difficult fields and in the midst of more adverse conditions and circumstances.

—John R. Mott



**Rev. John H. and Mrs. Carrie M. Oxrieder, with their children,
Raymond, Ruth and Mona.**

The Oxrieders, who were stationed at Kharagpur, India, are now on furlough at Granville, Ohio. Refer to the June, 1915, HELPER, for biographical sketch. The two little girls are life members of the Cradle Roll of Little Light Bearers.

CHUNDRA LELA, THE CONVERTED PRIESTESS

By MRS. JULIA PHILLIPS BURKHOLDER.

The story of this remarkable woman has been written and published by at least two persons, translated into several languages and has been scattered broadcast, creating great interest and bringing many thousands of rupees into the Lord's treasury. I make no pretension of rewriting her life story, which would indeed be difficult. All I wish to do is to put on record a few incidents in her life which happened during my personal acquaintance with her. Some may read this who have not read her life.

Her home was in Nepal, a semi-independent kingdom close up to the Himalayan Mountains. Her father was a priest in the King of Nepal's palace. She was married as a child and early became a widow. After this she accompanied her father on his long pilgrimages, visiting the sacred shrines of India, especially Puri, where the great god Jagarnath was worshipped. On one of these long journeys her father died. The one great, absorbing desire of her soul was to see God. To gain this she endured all sorts of tortures and privations. After her father died she could not give up her quest, but taking a woman companion with her, they, dressing like men, together continued the search after the great invisible God.

Thinking that physical torture would please God and thus He would be willing to grant her heart's desire, she sat in the center of a circle of fire during the hottest season of the year. For years she never allowed herself to lie down to sleep, day or night, but stood up on one foot. She herself was an object of worship and acted as priestess in a Raja's palace.

After years of wandering she came to Midnapore. Here she learned that a lady visited in the homes of the people and taught a new religion. Eager as ever to learn of the way, she went to the home where she expected to meet the teacher but was disappointed. One of our orphan girls who taught in that community brought her to our home. I never can forget the intensity of feeling shown in her face as she sat gazing into my face, and listened to the story of the Cross. After listening for a time, she exclaimed, "Then is there no hope for me? Am I to gain nothing for all these long journeys and the suffering I have endured?" I replied, "Chundra Lela, there is but one Saviour and that is Jesus Christ." I gave her a New Testament and she went away. It was not long before she decided to forsake all and accept Christ.

Dear Friends, can you imagine what this step meant to her? Among her own people she was looked upon as a most sacred being, the very dust of her feet was sacred. She was an object of worship, receiving divine homage and being supported by her devotees. She gave up all and joined a class of people who are looked upon as outcasts, where she would come in close contact with these who are considered the lowest of the low. She came bringing her idols, sacred books and trappings used in worshipping her idols.

The conditions were so different that it was difficult for her to adjust herself to them, but she never swerved from the stand she had taken. From teaching and worshipping dumb idols she began at once to teach and preach Christ to her former disciples. Every effort was made to induce her to return to her old way, but she had found the Pearl of Great Price and was satisfied. Having found Him whom she sought, her greatest desire was to make Him known to those who did not know Him. Again and again she used to say, "Let me go once more and cause them to hear." Her restless nature could not allow her to sit quietly and be cared for. She could read and write two or three different languages. She would take a large bundle of gospels and tracts, carrying them on her head and be gone for months. When these were disposed of, back she would come for more. Wherever she could make herself understood, there she went, stopping at different mission stations, going with the missionaries into the bazaar and preaching as none but a converted Hindu, with the fire burning within, could preach.

She had a remarkable command of language. Her prayers were wonderful. Early one cold season morning, while still dark, we were awakened by a voice not far from our tent, and stepping outside we found her praying for all classes of people, including the Queen of England and her counsellors. A little house was built for her close by the high road where people were frequently passing. It was like food to her soul to tell of her new found treasure to those who knew Him not.

During her life in Midnapore her brother came to see her. She told him of the change that had come to her and he returned home believing. She once, at least, went back to her old home in the mountains. Her brother was slowly dying of consumption. He wished to be baptized, but there was no one there to baptize him. Chundra Lela was equal to the occasion. She had a tub of water brought and in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, she baptized him by immersing his head in

the water. He was too weak for more. He then requested that he might have a Christian burial instead of being cremated according to Hindu customs. When he died his friends quite insisted on burning the body, Chundra pleading the while to have him buried. The body was carried out, the funeral pyre was arranged and the fire lighted, but as often as it was lighted the showers of rain put it out, so at last they yielded, and his dying request was granted.

Not long before Chundra Lela's death she went once more to Puri—this time as a follower of Jesus Christ rather than of Krishna. On her return she rested for a time at Balasore, where I met her. She was anxious to go once more to speak to the people. Seeing how frail she looked, I remonstrated, but she replied, "I can hire a cart to take me to the bazaar." The same evening she came to our house, and in her quiet but graphic manner, told me of a wonderful vision she had had before she forsook her old life and became a Christian. She said, "One night I sat alone in my room, thinking and thinking, trying to decide which was the true way. Before me lay the Testament and the Hindu shastras. I said to myself, 'This tells of a God and so does the other. This tells of an incarnation and so does the other. Here is redemption and there, too, which is the *truth*? I want to *see* God.' I sat and thought. My room became dark. The nearby police gong struck the hours eight, nine, ten, eleven and twelve. Suddenly my room was flooded with a bright light. There stood Jesus before me. O, His face shone so bright, it was so beautiful. I fell at His feet and worshipped Him. He pointed to the Testament and said, 'Chundra Lela, that is the way.' When I raised my head He was gone. The next night again I sat alone with the two books. Again I heard the gong strike the hours eight, nine, ten, eleven and twelve, and lo, again the bright light shone and again Jesus stood before me. Again He said, 'That is the way.' The vision was so sacred to me that for years I could not speak of it to anyone. When talking with the Hindus they would ask me, 'Have you seen God?' I would answer with perfect assurance, 'Yes, I have seen God.'"

It was after this that all doubt was removed from her mind, and she accepted Christ. Her longings were satisfied. The same evening she told me of a dream she had on one of her tours. In these days the Bengali Bible had not been printed in a small size, but it was a large, bulky book; however, that made no difference, her Bible always went with her. In her dream, Jesus came to her and laying His hand on her head said,

"Chundra Lela, always keep that Bible with you. It will be your guard." She added, "So at night I always have the Bible by my head." At the close of the talk she said, "Now that I have found the Saviour, it is the one great desire of my heart to live for, serve, and adore Him."

It made no difference where she was, whether with rich and great ones of the world, or the poor and ignorant, she was always the same meek and lowly follower of Him who had sought and found her. Her poor emaciated body rests here in Midnapore, but her freed spirit is with Him whom she adored.

Midnapore, India.

CHINESE WOMEN AS BIBLE CLASS LEADERS

The women of China, following in the steps of their American sisters, are training for leadership in the Adult Bible Class work of their country. During the past year, five Bible Training Conferences have been held in China as an outgrowth of the evangelistic forward movement inaugurated by Dr. Mott and Dr. Eddy. It is interesting to note that no women were in attendance at the first two of these conferences, which were held in Kuling and Moukden; while the last three, held in Swatow, Canton and Foochow, were all attended by women. Now, two Bible Conferences, one in Kuling and one in North China, are being held especially for women. American methods of Sunday school organization are taught in these conferences, as these methods are found to be especially adapted to the Chinese. The women, who are trained in these conferences, will, in their turn, organize classes which will be centers of service for other women.

IN MEMORIAM

"Not upon thee or thine, the solemn Angel
Hath evil wrought.
Her funeral anthem is a glad evangel.
The good die not.
God calls our loved ones, but we lose not wholly
What He hath given.
They live on earth in thought and act, as truly
As in His Heaven."

Mrs. C. C. Paige, Franklin, New Hampshire, July 28, 1916.

Mrs. Mary I. Bradbury, Saco, Maine, November 15, 1916.



Miss Butts Distributing Rice to the Poor, Santipore, India
(See November **HELPER**, pages 338 339)



Some of Our Girls in Miss Gowen's Lace Class, Balasore, India.
(See November **HELPER**, page 342)

UNION QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Many questions are asked as to what next in the matter of union. We will try to answer them. Please take your September and November HELPERS and read "Vital Points in Union Report" and "Report of Committee of Conference with Baptist Workers." Then we shall be ready to begin. The meeting of the W. A. B. F. M. S. was not until November 7th, when the vote was taken "to accept the recommendation of the Foreign Department action of August 2, 1916, as follows: "Voted to accept report of sub-committee of the Conference respecting Woman's Work in the Bengal Orissa Mission, held in Boston, June 15, 1916, and to endorse the action of the Board of Managers of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society at the Annual Meeting held in Ocean Park, Maine, July 25th, 1916, including amendments to Items 10 and 11. Voted: That the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Board be invited to appoint one woman to serve unofficially on the Foreign Department. The Executive Committee is very glad to recognize Mrs. Mary A. W. Bachelder as the representative already appointed by the Free Baptist Woman's Board in this capacity." This is, of course, all the committee could do, *official* appointments must come from the Board. Your representative has attended several of these meetings, been most cordially received, and has conferred with the committee about F. B. W. M. S. Foreign Missions. Although the full Board of the W. A. B. F. M. S. does not meet until May, after this action of the Executive Committee, the Foreign Department and Finance Committee felt that the situation warranted the completion of the work. At their meeting November 21st they voted the money to cover our budget, assuming, of course, that in this union Free Baptist Women will work as usual, and that this money, or its equivalent, will come from them. It should put us on our mettle to work harder than ever.

The work of the Baptist Women is divided into districts rather than states as ours has been. Each district has its own treasurer to whom all money goes. She sends to the National Treasurer. As the W. A. B. F. M. S. year begins in May, it seems best for us not to begin until then to send our Foreign Mission money to these treasurers. The HELPER will give their names and addresses in due time. In the meantime, which is not long, send as usual to our own Treasurer, Miss Edyth R. Porter, and she will send to Miss Stedman, the efficient Treasurer of

the W. A. B. F. M. S. When, as in many cases, Baptist and Free Baptist churches have united, it is best to enter at once into harmony with the work of circle and district. In making appropriations care will be taken that we may still support the missionaries and the work we love and have supported so long in the Bangal-Orissa field. But we shall not be narrow and hold to these alone. We shall become acquainted with and love the broader field to which we have allied ourselves, and rejoice in its large endeavor.

Baptist women have separate officers for Home and Foreign Missions. Our Home work is not yet settled, but the officers are corresponding and will report later. Until then our Home work is the same, and Storer College must constantly be remembered.

This union is a part of the spirit of the times. We cannot stop it if we would, nor can we cease missionary effort without checking spiritual growth. We shall gain much inspiration from intercourse with other women who are giving themselves to the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom. If we are of the right stuff we shall also have something to give.

MARY A. W. BACHELDER,

*Chairman of Committee of Conference
with Baptist Workers.*

Ocean Park, Maine.

A HAPPY MONTH IN MICHIGAN

(Our National Corresponding Secretary tells us about her trip.)

Endless fields of shocked corn, barns bursting with the season's harvest, grey and smiling skies formed the setting for my missionary month in Michigan.

Outside of Jackson, Hillsdale and Davison, it was spent among the villages and country churches of the rich farming section of southern Michigan. I visited twenty-two churches (two of them Baptist), spoke twenty-three times, before 1,250 people, traveling 940 miles in Michigan, a total of 2,700 miles from my New England home.

Arriving just before election, in the midst of the tremendous state-wide campaign, I shared in the excitement—spoke several times on temperance—and exulted in the victory as the state went "dry".

Michigan is a big state with a big job, and it has two big officers at its head in Mrs. Stone, president, and Mrs. Slayton, vice-president, of

our W. M. S. interests. No other state of our constituency has the glory of having two of our women workers all its own. For Michigan women loyally support Dr. Mary Bacheler, an adopted daughter, and Miss Ruth Daniels, a daughter beloved of their very own.



Apana Monjit, and Family, Native Preacher, Balasore, India.

Supported by the Sunday School of the College Church, Hillsdale, Mich. He is a Telugu, one of Mr. and Mrs. Coldren's Chandbali boys.

The union with the larger Baptist body is progressing so rapidly that lines are disappearing and work getting mixed up in a most interesting manner. The "Michigan Plan"—of the Baptist Convention—of budget system, duplex envelopes, and a definite schedule for missionary gifts, is being assumed in many of our churches. The interests are alive, as instanced in several cases in progress, of church financial campaigns, community every-member canvas, and Sunday School contests. It was the season, too, of busy planning and sewing for the Christmas bazaars that form a feature in so many woman's societies. In most instances the W. M. S. and Church Aids are working as one society, dividing proceeds and programs.

At Davison, every Sunday missionary instruction in the Sunday school, carried on for several years, was a feature to be proud of. Here, too, was a thriving World-Wide Guild. Traces of good work along the

trail followed by Mrs. Stout, and Miss Moody in other years, were evident. Jackson has promising organizations among its young people. Men and women together here are active in the interest of "our Ruth", as they like to call Miss Daniels. Her visits to the churches, before going out, have borne fruit in many staunch friends for our India field. In her home church at Onsted and at Reading, where she taught high school, the interest is keen as evinced by the many intelligent questions about Indian conditions and people, and in the Bengali records and songs.

It was always a joy to meet the MISSIONARY HELPER on the library table of the homes in which I was entertained, and Free Baptist books on the library shelves. "The HELPER has been a welcome guest in my home for twenty years," and "I have taken it ever since it was published," were good words. I met an occasional Baptist woman who took it and enjoyed it, and one Presbyterian subscriber. Stories of "Aunt Julia Reed" and the HELPER were related everywhere. Would that her mantle of enthusiastic loyalty to our magazine might fall on other shoulders.

At the Pittsford (Locust Corner) W. M. S. five new members were added, new officers created for young woman's work and a general atmosphere of new life stimulated. Mrs. Slayton's presence and words were helpful here. Following the Sunday evening service at Hazlett a woman remarked, "If a W. M. S. is formed here I'll be the first to join." It was here, too, that a man, learning that the speaker was a woman, went home for his wife and incidentally replenished his purse with a bill to drop into the offering.

Michigan has had a splendid training in missions, so many of her churches have been supplied by our missionaries while at Hillsdale College, or visited by them while on furlough.

The pleasure was mine of meeting the Hillsdale College faculty and students at morning chapel, and a group of the college women in a social evening. It was a personal joy to be greeted by our dear Mrs. Cheney and Rev. and Mrs. Jefferson of my home state. And our India family, —what a bunch of them Michigan holds: Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Coldren, Dr. Shirley Thompson and her mother, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Lougher, delightful it was to meet them! And mine was the privilege also, almost too sweet and sacred to mention, of getting inside the father and mother hearts of that home in Onsted. The trip came to a happy climax on

Thanksgiving Day, spent with Mr. and Mrs. Stone at Battle Creek, and in attendance at the Missionary Conference at the Sanitarium.

May the breadth of the Master's love for the whole world mean much to the mission work of the women of Michigan through this new year.

LENA SWEET FENNER.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 10.

OUR FOLKS

Our Field Workers are as busy as bees. Miss Coe had a very successful New England trip. One Maine Worker writes: "I think her visit here has made a lasting impression upon our people. I'm sure we shall all be more interested in our Bengal-Orissa Field." Miss Fenner's month in Michigan—well, she tells you about it on another page! And she is quite as busy now that she is home again. There are many calls for her charming "costume lectures."

Mrs. Stout wrote from Champlin, Minn., just before Christmas, that she was about starting for Texas. She will tell us about it later.

The Oxrieders are in Granville, Ohio. In response to the editor's plea for an article, he wrote from Cleveland, "I am on the go again—have been ever since we went to Granville. Yesterday I had *six* services and shall be just as busy as I can be until the 21st." Even the proverbially hard hearted editor has to accept an excuse like that!

Our HELPER is just entering its fortieth year, and the present editor has attained her majority, having served twenty-one years. They have been happy years of fellowship with friends near and far, known and unknown. She heartily thanks the many who have helped so cordially and those who have been so generous with appreciation, even when she was feeling her limitations most keenly. As our dear Mrs. Burlingame wrote recently, "Isn't it nice that thanks, like fir balsam pillows, keep their fragrance and only need stirring up to recall the kindness!"

Our honorary treasurer, Miss DeMeritte, sent a Christmas-time contribution to our HELPER Cut Fund, and a cheery letter. She is at home in Dover, N. H., working and giving, in response to the pitiful appeals from other lands. "My heart is with the starving peoples of Europe," she writes, "but do not think that I forget the poor at home."

Mrs. Bachelder, Haverhill, Mass., forwarded this pleasant news. "The Winter Street Auxiliary observed its 'Roll Call' in November and voted to send \$10 to Storor and to take six \$1 00 shares in the HELPER. *We are so glad to have it.*"

A very interesting letter came from the President of the Woman's Mission Board of the Tenn. F. B. Association, asking for our literature and explanation of methods of work. Such enthusiasm and desire to serve must produce worthwhile results.

Chundra Lela—our Chundra Lela. Isn't she a wonderful woman! Mrs. Burkholder gives us an interesting glimpse of her. Her portrait appeared in the

April, 1906, HELPER. Mrs Chapman can furnish the book about her. Rev. Z. F. Griffin has written her life story.

Miss Barnes sent the photograph of the native preacher supported by the Hillsdale S. S. She says that he can make a delicious sponge cake as well as preach. We suspect that that is an accomplishment unshared by American preachers. Now don't all protest at once!

It is seen to be a mistake that Miss Gowen—in her generous and joyful response to a need—was allowed to remain in India an extra year, after six years of strenuous work. She has been ill, but is improving. We must let her rest a long time when she returns next spring.

Such a lovely, long letter from our dear, *young*, Anne Dudley Bates! We wish we could pass on every word of it. She refers to the "blessed MISSIONARY HELPER" which is her chief comfort, now that the *Morning Star* has gone. It is like a letter from home, and she hopes that our women will keep it for many years. The editor was greatly touched by the gift of a beautiful silk quilt made by Mrs. Bates in her 84th year. "I can no longer take steps for the Lord's work," she writes, "so I delight in taking stitches for the comfort and pleasure of the workers."

Another contribution to the HELPER comes from Mrs. Willis Davis, who also sent to the Sanctum pansies that blossomed in December in her Ocean Park garden.

Many will be glad to know that the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dr. O. B. Cheney, (Oct. 12) founder of Lebanon Academy, was observed, and a bronze tablet set in a boulder, was unveiled, on the first site of the Academy at Lebanon, Me. Dr. Cheney was, pre-eminently, one of "our folks."

These notes, under this title, are given in response to many appeals for more personal mention. To all of our folks and other folks—HAPPY NEW YEAR.

QUIZ

Who adopted five children?

What does a dear "farmer's wife," who doesn't want to be a has-been or a hope-to-be, propose doing?

How much does it cost a year to support a child in Sinclair Orphanage?

Who helped shout "Victory" when Michigan went dry?

Where was an inspirational Jubilee?

What can you tell about it?

Who was led by a little child? How?

Can you tell the story of "a fastidious lady"?

How did Miss Daniels draw a crowd?

A curious invention on two wheels—what is it?

In four years what changes came to Kusudiha?

Miss Gowen tells what touching incidents?

- What is the average income a day in India?
 What three things should our Christmas giving include?
 What bees never sting?
 What games are suggested for the social hour?
 Where was a striking answer to prayer?
 What is a cobbler's neighborhood in India like?
 "The bridegroom is coming!" Who can tell the story?
 Where is the field of Rev. S. A. Esterbrook, and what is her work?
 How many meetings does she look after every week?
 What anniversary did she celebrate in November?
 Where have little waifs found a tender-hearted "mother"?
 Who stood first in her class? Where?
 What beautiful story is told of Sara, the faithful Bible woman?
 What interesting statistics are given regarding the All India S. S. Examination?
 Where is a dear bunch of brown babies?
 Which auxiliary made the largest contributions in October?
 Can you quote the stanza about Eternal Christmas?
 (Answers may be found in the December HELPER.)

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD WIDE GUILD

Dear Women of the Auxiliaries everywhere:—

Will you let me say a little about our Young Women? When I first began to be concerned about them, in connection with the Auxiliaries, I wrote our leaders, and I talked about it, and we all prayed over the matter, but no way seemed to open to enroll the young women for our work. Then those years when my name appeared as Secretary of Young Women's Work, I thought a great deal, and did so little. When I grew impatient, I remembered the kindly words of Miss De Merrite about the matter, "Be patient with yourself and with us." Always the little talks and letters with other women would result in, "We must try to get the young women interested in the Auxiliary work." Just what we wanted to do, but how?

And now, as we are entering a larger work with our Baptist sisters, comes the answer to our question in the World Wide Guild, that delightful organization which gathers in all girls' and young women's mission societies and makes place and incentive for the organization of new ones. Formed by Worth While Girls, officered by the usual President, Secretary

and Treasurer, and four Vice Presidents, who are the Chairmen of the four committees,—Finance, Program, Literature, Membership,—and strengthened by experienced counselors.

From the standpoint of the Auxiliary, and for our F. B. girls, the W. W. G. appeals to me as especially splendid. Where I have been privileged to help organize, I have recommended that the counselors (who, with rare tact, have been *suggested* by the Auxiliary and readily *elected* by the girls), be each adapted to a part of the work,—one who would be especially helpful along the program and study line, the other equal to the industrial side. Active brains oftentimes need expression in busy fingers, you know. Again, suggestion only is needed as to special work to be taken up. For instance, the Guild at Union, Michigan, working for Miss Estabrook; another for Mrs. Burkholder, another taking an orphan. Thus they are kept in touch with the Auxiliary work. It is wise, I think, to send money through the Auxiliary Treasurer, but *always* seeing that the Guild has *credit* for it. Thus the Guild is in a way auxiliary to the Auxiliary itself.

Just the thing we have needed and wanted all these years, isn't it? Dear Sisters, won't you send at once to your Young Women's Secretary, or Mrs. Chapman, and secure a W. W. G. Manual, adapt it to your girls and circumstances, and set about enlisting your young women in a Chapter?

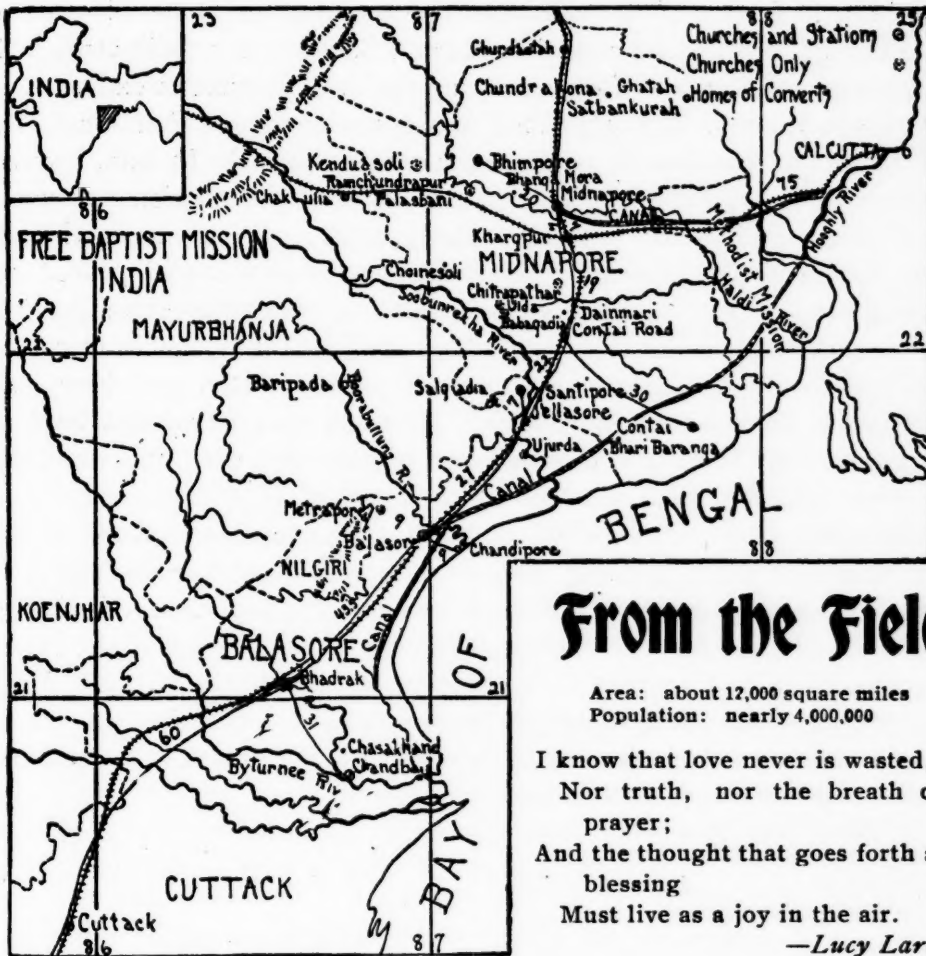
Miss Alma J. Noble, 207 Anderson Place, Buffalo, N. Y., will gladly enroll, and give your Chapter the warm welcome she has for *all* Baptist girls. She will understand their relation to the Auxiliaries and will rejoice in your work. Truly, women, this is a workable proposition for our Auxiliaries to take up.

Yours for advance,

INAH GATES STOUT.

Champlin, Minnesota, Dec. 10, 1916.

"If any little word of mine
 May make a life the brighter,
 If any little song of mine
 May make a heart the lighter,
 God help me speak the little word
 And take my bit of singing
 And drop it in some lonely vale,
 To set the echoes ringing."



From the Field

Area: about 12,000 square miles
Population: nearly 4,000,000

I know that love never is wasted,
Nor truth, nor the breath of a
prayer;
And the thought that goes forth as a
blessing
Must live as a joy in the air.

—Lucy Larcom

LETTER FROM MISS COOMBS

BALASORE, INDIA, Oct. 23rd, 1916.

My dear Mrs. Whitcomb:—

Do you see where I am? That means that I came to Yearly Meeting, which began Oct. 5th, and am staying on with Dr. Mary while Miss Porter gets off to the Hills for a change and rest, and to find time to get ready for her 2nd year's language examination.

This has been an extremely full month! Our books all have to be closed Sept. 30th and handed over to the Finance Committee for auditing. This Committee met just before Yearly Meeting and it would

have been ludicrous, if the situation had not been so grave (!) to see the different missionaries with big account books under their arms and most anxious and puzzled faces, hurrying to the Committee to explain this or that entry, or to have explained to them why this or that should be entered somewhere else, or perhaps not entered at all! In fact, several sessions of the Y. M. had passed before some of the missionaries were found in their places at roll call. However, things moved on without them, for good old "Samuel Pundit" was the chairman and proved an efficient one. We were to have had fraternal delegates from Assam, Burma and South India, but Dr. Witter of Assam was unable to come. Prof. Howard from Rangoon, with his wife and little boy, were here, and Dr. Stanton from South India came. You can imagine what a treat it was to our Mr. Howard to have his own brother visit him, and we could but think of the parents who had allowed two of their boys to come to this far-away part of the globe! Dr. Stanton gave us a sermon, in our own tongue, Sunday evening, and he also led the devotionals at our Mission Conference which followed immediately the close of Yearly Meeting. These were rich spots in our experiences! One of the evenings was given to a rousing C. E. meeting and another to a Home Mission meeting when the question of opening a new station was discussed.

The station which has been supported by the churches themselves has, by a peculiar line of circumstances, become self-supporting, so the H. M. decided to open work in another field. One evening was a Memorial Service for the four preachers and a Bible School student who have died during the year.

On the Sunday preceding the Y. M. thirteen young people were baptized, and the next Sunday six more.

The Workers' Convention and the Mission Conference rather overlapped, for the former began before the latter had finished. This Convention has been held only three years, but is evidently a strong power for good. All the preachers and teachers are expected to attend. Classes are held, speakers from outside are secured, and the evangelistic note is sustained throughout the meetings which are held for several days—this year eleven days, closing Friday, the 20th.

All our missionaries except Miss Gowen were here. She was not able to stand the strain of so many meetings and of meeting so many people and "went into retreat" at Chandipore. All the W. M. S. folks were at Sinclair Orphanage which is nearly a mile from Mr. Frost's,

where the Mission Conference was held. Sometimes we walked, but oftener we rode, either in the big bullock cart or in the rickshaw, and counted ourselves greatly favored if we got a ride in Dr. Mary's new buggy, behind Don, her new horse. This outfit is a great boon, both to herself and to those who come within the radius of her invitations (and these are not a few), and again and again we thanked the thoughtful friends who made it possible.

Miss Barnes has recovered from her illness and is back in Jellasure. Miss Butts is still at Santipore, but will be going home next spring. We have persuaded Mrs. Burkholder to stay on another year, and are hoping that may lengthen still further!

I was so glad to get the last HELPER. Read it every bit from cover to cover. I had been wanting a detailed account of Annual Meeting and enjoyed Miss Waterman's article and lived the day over with you all! I'm very, very glad to know the HELPER is still to have its own separate existence.

Love to all, from

VINA COOMBS.

NOTES FROM AFAR

Mr. Wayne C. Jordan, Y. M. C. A. Secretary, Wuchang, China, gives interesting glimpses, in his annual report, of new opportunities and varied achievements in the work of the past year. Wuchang is famous as an educational center and the work of the Association shows that a real contribution has been made to its life in that respect, and a real interest in Christianity has been revealed among the young men. From the beginning of the monarchical movement the political atmosphere has been of oppressive unrest. The Hankow rioting of last summer was a disturbing element, but had comparatively little effect upon the work. "None of us ventures to predict the future, but in the present, opportunity is ours."

The Bible School, a result of the last Eddy campaign, has been continued, and the closing night in June the names of nineteen young men were sent to the four different missions as applicants for Church membership. The educational classes are so popular that there is constantly a more pressing demand than there are resources to supply. The pupils are enthusiastic. A member of one of the most influential families in

Wuchang requested that the Association open a relief department to act in case of fighting in the city. After consultation with Red Cross and hospital authorities a public welfare department was organized to conduct first-aid classes in times of disturbance, and social service in times of quiet. An important opportunity was recently opened by the request of the government Teachers' College, with its 260 students, for the aid of the Association in directing the use of its splendid athletic field. In June there was held at Kuling a ten days' student conference. The government school students who attended are now meeting every Sunday in Bible Class. One of the most promising of these has already committed himself definitely to the Christian life. One of the most deeply interested attendants at the conference is the young principal of the largest private school in Wuchang. Such men with such interests will actually remould China.

INDIA NOTES.—Mrs. Griffin sends the following:—"Dr. Mary Bachelier has raised money among relatives to buy a bell for the Midnapore Church, as a memorial to her father and mother. It was large for our India church and Dr. Kennan, assisted by the young men of the church, with difficulty got it hung in the tower. After the sermon on "Love," by Joseph Fullonton, and communion service (at the Midnapore Q. M.) the people gathered on the steps at the foot of the tower and had a dedication service. They are exceedingly glad to have the bell. Dr. Mary rang the first strokes and the tone proved to be mellow and deep." ...Dr. Murphy wrote to *The New Morning Star*:—"This hot season was unusually trying. Nearly every one of our missionaries was more or less seriously ill. There was one week when, according to Government reports, the temperature went above 113 degrees every day. Mrs. Murphy and I had a three weeks' vacation in the Himalaya Mountains. We were with friends on the very summit of Landour Mountain. On the north side were the eternal snows lifting their sapphire peaks 1800 feet above us, while on the south we looked down on the great Ganges Delta, 7500 feet below us. Surely the heavens declare His glory and the firmament showeth His handiwork. It is very difficult for us to get away from our family of one hundred and more children. But for the help of Miss Coombs, and of Mrs. Ager, who kindly consented to leave her work in Midnapore and come to Bhimpore to help Miss Coombs during our absence, it would have been impossible. We have nothing startling or new to report. The Government, in spite of

the war, has largely increased their aid, making possible a splendid growth of our school work, and the erection of a fine two storied dormitory for our boys. The medical work has gone on as usual with about 7000 patients, most of whom would have had no medical care but for our Mission Dispensary and Hospital. Two of our faithful evangelists have died during the year. This is a great loss to us. Two splendid young men have gone to the Bible School this year. We plan for a big revival campaign to begin with the New Year. We will have all our eighty Jungle school teachers present and we have invited all the scattered Christians of the district to come to Bhimpore for a two weeks' camp meeting. Pray for these meetings that God may pour out His spirit without measure upon His people. . . . Rev. H. I. Frost writes of worth-while boys:—"At Balasore we have several Christian Endeavor Societies for the boys and girls of different ages. One is called "The Good Cheer Society" and is composed of older lads from the two upper classes of the high school and some other boys of about the same age. I am superintendent and try to attend every meeting. At the close of one of the meetings I felt constrained to urge upon the boys their duty to the boys in our boarding school who have not yet openly confessed Christ. There are only a few who have reached the age of twelve or thirteen who have not been baptized.

The next week the boy whose turn it was to lead referred to my words and said that in trying to follow the suggestion given, he had spoken to several of the boys about a deeper consecration of their lives and he was very glad to report that four or five boys had shown much interest and several had said they had been thinking for some time of being out and out Christians. He gave me the names of six or seven who are already being prepared for baptism.

It seems much better to have the boys enter into the Christian life under the influence and encouragement of their own fellows than that we, the missionaries, should persuade them. They may be tempted, through awe or out of a desire to please us, to assent to our suggestions, but they will reveal their own minds to their fellows. We, of course, stand ready to encourage. The most pleasing thing is this ready response and practical effort at soul-winning by the boy mentioned. Though not a brilliant student he tries hard and is a sturdy chap, a good football player and a willing worker, one of our worth-while boys."

WANTED—Back numbers of this magazine for mission work. A means of doing great good. For particulars address The Paper Mission, Rev. B. A. Loring, Supt., Woodward, Oklahoma.

TREASURER'S NOTES

Negotiations which have been pending with reference to the closer coöperation of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and our Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society have resulted in the desired union of effort, and our W. M. S. is now in working relationship, in its foreign work, with the W. A. B. F. M. S.

You doubtless noted the omission of our customary definite dollars and cents appropriations for the work of Bengal-Orissa, this present year, but probably understood that the rapidly moving process of *Union* made such an appropriation practically impossible. However, definite action has brought definite results, and a definite appropriation has been made for the work in Bengal-Orissa by the W. A. B. F. M. Society,—in amount, \$7,000, and thus your F. M. Budget *now* comes to you, dear W. M. S. friends, in guaranteed form. This generous action on the part of the W. A. B. F. M. S. calls for *our best in return*. *Our responsibility is the greater because of it*. We feel that there has been some hesitancy on the part of our workers since the beginning of our year's work because of the almost betwixt and between position in which we have found ourselves, and now that our new relationship is established, we look for a full and generous meeting of *our customary F. M. obligation*, shall we say?—*No*, for a full meeting of this appropriation amount.

Note first, please, that all Bengal-Orissa gifts will be sent, *as usual*, from *this office* (47 Andover St., Peabody, Mass.), but will be forwarded by us to Miss Alice Stedman, Treasurer W. A. B. F. M. S.; second, that any W. M. S. moneys which are sent through church treasurers to A. B. F. M. S. or W. A. B. F. M. S. District Treasurer, should be carefully designated as *W. M. S. gifts for Bengal Orissa*; again, that any W. M. S. gift of individual or society, intended for Bengal-Orissa, if sent to A. B. F. M. S., E. S. Butler, Treasurer, should also be carefully designated. The end, which we as members of our W. M. S. are seeking, is *our full support* of the work for which we have so long been responsible, and we all,—you, the givers,, and the W. M. S. officers—will be happier to have tangible proof of such fact, and surely it will give our new comrades in service satisfaction.

Our united working year is to close with that of W. A. B. F. M. Society, so please take note, and bend every energy to get all contributions for the current year in by March 30th.

This all means *special care* and *special effort*. It does not mean any change in work at the present moment, simply the going of our funds through a different channel *to the same work*.

A letter has just come from Dr. Mary telling of Sinclair Orphanage changes, and this suggests the uncertainty these days of our India mail, an uncertainty which it may be well for us to realize more fully, lest some who have assignment for support of child, zenana teacher, Bible woman, or school teacher, and who have asked for letter or picture, may be feeling that someone is indifferent or unappreciative, because no word, direct or through home workers, comes to them from the field. We have sent all assignments and requests forward,—one list twice,—and we know that our Indian friends are “instant in season and out of season,” but they cannot answer letters they do not receive, nor can they guarantee safe passage to us of their replies to those letters they *do* receive. Understanding war conditions, we must be patient.

In the changes Dr. Mary mentions Golape, the first of the six post card “Brownies”, has been transferred to Bhimpore Orphanage because of dreadful asthmatic attacks, from many of which they have feared she would not recover. Moyna, of the post card group with teacher, the one standing above Meela at the teacher’s left, has recently died. She and Phoebe were always pointed out as the Christmas babies, because they came to the Orphanage on Christmas Day; “Ollie”, formerly supported by Farmington, Q. M., and Sase, unsupported, were married; Dayaboti, Miss Fenner’s protegee, was sent to an orphanage nearer the place in which her mother works; Rani, in whom Miss Malvern and a friend are interested, and whom they supported, went away to work for a nice family in Calcutta; Sorot has been adopted by some *native Christians in an out station*; and discipline necessitated one or two changes. There are always some unsupported girls, and the present time is no exception. This comment of Dr. Mary’s when speaking of one such throws a little light upon the longing of these girls to “belong”:—“When I tell the supported girls to write letters, little — wails that *she* has no Belati friend to write to.” There is joy in being a “*Belati friend*” as well as “*belonging*.”

The following, penned during the near-days of the Christmas season, will serve as our greeting to you at the opening of the New Year:

"May the wondrous Star of Bethlehem guide you with its perfect light, and lead you into paths of hope, peace and joy, through all the days of the coming year."

Cordially in service,

EDYTH R. PORTER.

47 Andover St., Peabody, Mass.

GENERAL SUBSCRIPTION AGENT'S NOTES

A friend, explaining her enclosure of one dollar and fifty cents, writes: "Today is a special day of prayer for missions and I will both pray and send a little money to aid in the work. I enclose \$1.50, fifty cents for the renewal of my subscription for the HELPER and the remainder for the sustaining fund."

We find an excellent suggestion in this letter. We notice that this woman who prayed before sending in her subscription, added a dollar for the sustaining fund.

Won't you all pray for this fund? We need it now more than ever. Our printer, in spite of the increase of price in paper along with everything else, has continued to grant us the customary terms, but now he feels he can do it no longer. We do not wonder. Our only feeling toward him is of gratitude and appreciation for doing it so long.

This means we shall need more money for our running expenses. What will our constituency do about it?

To subscribers whose subscription is six months in arrears:—

None but those to whom this paragraph is addressed need read it. To these for whom it is intended, we find ourselves obliged to say that owing to this increased cost of paper, we shall have to drop you if you don't send in your dues within this month. Now, we don't want to drop you. We want your interest, we want to send you our message, and we want your fifty cents. May we not hear from you before the end of this month, when circumstances will require our taking up our pruning shears?

Cordially,

A. M. MOSHER.

107 Howland St., Boston, Mass.

Helps for Monthly Meetings

"In all effort for missions, education is the essential foundation upon which is built Christian character that expresses itself in prayer, gifts and service."

Topics for 1916-17

September—	Fellowship Meeting.
October—	War and the Kingdom.
November—	Home Missions.
December—	Christian Conquest of Europe: East.
January—	Christian Conquest of Europe: West
February—	Prayer and Praise.
March—	The Protestant Epoch of Christian Conquest.
April—	Heroism in Christian Conquest.
May—	Thank Offering.
June—	Peace and the Kingdom.
July—	Field Day.

February—Prayer and Praise.

ONE LITTLE HOUR

One hour with Christ, one little hour!
Though at the cross our spirits cower,
Courage will come and strength be given,
And in communion sweet with Heaven
The light will flash along our way,
The darkness turn to perfect day.
Then let us spend one hour with Him,
Whene'er our faith is growing dim.

One little hour with Christ we spend,
In weakness at His feet we bend;
But oh, the change in one short hour!
We rise with courage, strength and power,
The cares of earth will pass us by,
And things unseen to mortal eye
The eye of faith can clearly see,
Illumed in light that is to be.
Then let us spend one hour with Him,
Whene'er our faith is growing dim.

—MRS. MARY B. WINGATE.

My tongue shall speak of Thy praise all the day long.—Psalm 35:28.

SUGGESTIVE PROGRAM.

HYMN.—"In Loving Adoration." (Missionary Hymnal, page 23.)

BIBLE READING.—"Praise." (See "Quiet Hour" page in February.)

HYMN.—

"Saviour, blessed Saviour, listen whilst we sing,
Hearts and voices raising praises to our King.
All we have to offer; all we hope to be;
Body, soul and spirit, all we yield to Thee."
(Hymnal, page 85)

READING.—"A Call to Prayer." (See first page of this HELPER.)

LEADER.—"Heavenly Father, we praise Thee for the inspiration of Thy presence. Let us realize Thy nearness as we do the companionship of an earthly friend. Let our communion be sweet. And let our steps keep pace with Thine."

(Followed by a moment of silent prayer by all)

READING.—“Prayer and Missions.” (In this number.)

PRAYER TOPICS.—*At Home.* Pray for our officers, many of whom have given years of consecrated, effective service to our work; especially for those who are bearing the burden of responsibility for us, as we unite with the larger body of Baptist women. Pray for our MISSIONARY HELPER, that it may carry just the right message to its readers, and that it may receive the ample support it deserves. Pray for Storer College, its devoted teachers, its eager students, and for its larger endowment and equipment. Pray for our Field Workers, as they go East, West and South, that they may have inspiration and power to bring the beloved work and the waiting people in closer touch. Pray that each one of us may have more and more of the spirit of Christ to both glorify and practicalize our service, that we may live and give royally.

SINGING.—“O, Master, Let Me Walk With Thee.” (*Hymnal*, page 42.)

PRAYER TOPICS.—*Abroad.* Pray for our missionaries: That those who are coming home may be protected, those who are ill may be restored to health, those who remain on the field may have strength and courage, and that needed help may be found. Pray for native workers that they may have grace and power; the native Christians, that they may have loyalty and growth in the new life; the children in the orphanages and those who care for them. Pray that through our treasury money may come abundantly to carry on this work begun by our mothers of blessed memory. Pray for blessing upon the wide and varied work of the United Baptists; and for all, in every land, by any name, who are helping to relieve suffering and to bring in the Kingdom of Christ.

LEADER.—And a voice came from the throne, saying, Give praise to our God, all ye His servants, ye that fear Him, the small and the great.

RESPONSE.—And I heard as it were the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying,

ALL.—Hallelujah; for the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigneth. Let us rejoice and be exceeding glad, and let us give the glory unto Him.
—Rev. 19: 5-7.

SINGING.—Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

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OUR QUIET HOUR

(10 A. M.)

Resolved—in the year 1917—
"To *Watch*—Selfward,
In order to know, and help, myself.
To *Work*—Manward,
In order to know, and help, my
fellows.
To *Pray*—Godward,
In order to know, and help, my
Lord."

WHAT CAN OUR PRAYER ACCOMPLISH?

Who can tell how far goes the power of a spoken word, or mark the limit of personal influence, reaching on perhaps to infinity? More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of; but here are some results we may expect when all Christians use aright this mighty power. Money will come in to meet the opportunities abundantly, and recruits will be eager for the privilege of giving the gospel. No more begging for men or means, but schools and churches and hospitals, teachers and evangelists and physicians will so multiply that no neglected places will be left. The missionaries will be glad and strong in the sense of warm sympathy and support at home and in the vivid strength that companionship in prayer always brings. The life of Christians here at home will be lifted above the trifles that now steal our time and strength and we shall be warm and strong and earnest, one in joyful service of our Master.

Bring together and visualize as well as you can the glorious prophecies spoken by seers of old, the most alluring Utopias of modern reformers, your own dearest dreams of human felicity, and be sure that all together fall far, far short of the blessedness of the new heaven and the new earth, for whose coming we together work and pray.—*Life and Light.*

Junior

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*"I wish I had a telephone
With golden wires unfurled,
And long enough and strong enough
To reach around the world.
I'd ring up everybody
Along the line and say,
A Very Happy New Year
To you, this New Year's Day."
—Adapted.*

HAPPY WAYS OF WORKING

BY MISS EMMA G. PEIRCE.

The time has passed when one could say that it is difficult to give children missionary instruction. There are so many, many opportunities to train the children in service for others. Today the mission boards are putting out material and suggestions to meet these opportunities in each grade of the Sunday school.

Our children come to us eager for stories of child life and are always glad and willing to do something for their small brothers and sisters everywhere if the ways are only suggested to them.

Last year we had such a happy time in our Primary Department learning about children in this and other lands and doing for them.

After hearing about the American Indian boys and girls, we decided to send them Christmas presents of scrap-books made from Holland, and picture post cards pasted together and tied with ribbon. This work was done by the children under supervision. About ten minutes were given to it for several Sundays in the early part of the school period.

Just previous to the Lenten season we all took a trip to India, using "The Traveling Cloud and the Children It Found in India" put out by the Congregational Woman's Board of Missions. The first Sunday in Lent the story of "Anandi's Offering" was told and each child received a mite-box for his Lenten offering. On Easter Sunday the mite-boxes were brought in. One little girl had a very heavy box as she had not spent any pennies for candy during Lent but put them into her mite-box. We were all happy to think that we could send a five dollar gold piece to our Miss Porter to help partly support a child at the Sinclair Orphanage as our Lenten offering.

Did you ever have an Easter party, where you were so busy working for others that there was scarcely time for even an egg hunt? We did.

The second Saturday before Easter the children had an Easter party in our Sunday school rooms. The tables were decorated with pussy-willows and there were colored crayons, scissors, paper, little yellow chicks, white bunnies, and all the other material needed for the afternoon's work.

My, what busy little folks and teachers we had! At the close of an hour and a half we had folders made in the shape of a chick just coming out of his shell all cut, colored, and an Easter verse written inside. There were rabbits and chicks cut and colored and pasted in a circle of paper folded through the middle which allowed them to rock to and fro.

The pussy-willows were to have an active part in this party for they were pasted on cards to represent chickens and rabbits as suggested in March, 1916, *Everyland*. Then there was the construction paper which was quickly colored and soon made into little baskets which were filled with the artificial grass, and a little white rabbit and a downy yellow chick were placed in each nest. In one afternoon we had our Easter gifts made for all the little tots in the children's ward at the Rhode Island Hospital. The children made a basket for themselves and we were ready for our egg hunt. When the hunt was over one little boy, still thinking that he was working for the children at the hospital said, "Isn't it too bad to send these candy eggs to the children at the hospital, for they can't eat them and we could!"

The children gathered in a circle and had ice cream and animal crackers, after which came an Easter story and then it was time to run home.

As the birthdays came, through the year, we had our missionary boxes. The children were asked not to open them until they reached home, for although no two were alike they were very similar. There are generally about five articles in a box. Everyone contains a birthday letter from the superintendent of the department. This is some of the material that we have used in the boxes: picture post cards of the children in our India field, or of the children they are hearing about at the time; curios, such as Japanese water-flowers or Chinese paper dolls made by the children in the mission schools in China; a copy of the "Here and There Stories"; one of the "Immigration Picture Stories", by Fanny Kollock; one of the folded stories, as "The Broom You Send to India" or "A Peep at Japan," etc.; the Japanese picture post card which has a story on the other side; and the directions to play one or more games taken from "Children at Play in Mission Lands," by Catherine L. Hall.

This year, for a change, we are using the sets of "School Children in Turkey," "India," etc., to be colored and cut.

These are some of the ways in which we have enjoyed the missionary work in our Primary Department.

For our work this year we are fortunate to have "Missionary Pro-

gram Material," by Anita B. Ferris, a book which contains a wealth of splendid material for the elementary grades of the Sunday school.

Among the attractive material put out by the boards is the picture, "The Hope of the World" (a representation of Christ with a group of five children before Him listening) and stories relating to the foreign children in the picture.

Providence, R. I.

Contributions

F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Receipts for November, 1916

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